

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5 415 629 A (HENLEY ET AL) 16 May 1995 (1995-05-16) column 3, lines 40-58 column 4, line 36 - column 5, line 15 column 7, line 40 - column 8, last line ; claims 1,5,9,12	1-15
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Y		3,4, 13-15
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